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1. Basis of the report
 - a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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3. Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).
4. With regard to the title,

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6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is the only Figure No.: _____

 as suggested by the applicant.

 because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

 because this figure better characterizes the invention.

 None of the figures.

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PCT/ZA 03/00112-0**Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)**

In most households the electrical geyser is one of the major electricity consumers. This patent provides an alternative method of heating a fluid typically water, only using electricity while water is flowing. The invention provides a method of heating a fluid which includes the step of passing said fluid along a flow passage (14) defined within a tubular electrically resistive heating element (12). An effective and electricity saving means for heating a fluid particularly water for industrial and/or domestic purposes is provided. A current regulator may be added to the heating element (12) to heat a fluid particularly water to a specific temperature for a specified flowrate.

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CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC⁷: F24H 1/14

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC⁷: F24H 1/00

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

epodoc, wpi, fi cl txte, fi cl txtg

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

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